

Through the Keyhole

SUMMER EVENINGS

Each evening at dusk we sit outdoors and watch the flow of homeward bound traffic. A scene peculiar to our rural Southland is that of the cotton picker's truck with its overflow of hands over the cabs, the youngsters are carefully placed in the middle of the women and girls dance their dusky legs off the back. There is such an air of cheerful contentment prevalent that it is a joy to see them.

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By Mrs. Robert Cannon
Boyd Murphree were there as were Mary King and Cornelia Ellis who couldn't resist getting her drum and joining the marchers.

INSURANCE
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HOME OWNERS

Irvin and Margaret Johnson are the proud new owners of a pretty home on Smith Avenue. The house even boasts a backyard swimming pool which to our way of thinking makes the Johnson children very lucky.

SWIMMING POOL

The city swimming pool with its improved parkway has certainly been a popular spot these hot weeks. The scene of a band concert, Home Demonstration Club supper and numerous family parties, the pool has been worth the time and money spent on it.

Honoree of a surprise birthday party there was Evelyn Polson who, by the way, is wearing a lovely ring lately. Saw Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Morgan Windham enjoying the cool water. Mary Ida Randall and Nora Cooper had their broods out

for a swim; Nell Davis and John Wilkerson enjoyed chatting with Becky Stanford who was sponsoring a church outing for the teenagers; Mr. & Mrs. Murray Seay shepherded some 20 kiddies on a picnic one night last week. The children were not allowed to go in swimming but enjoyed skirting the water's edge. Whit Armstrong was the only one who managed to get completely wet and to his consternation some cynics are saying it was not an accident.

SIPPIN' SODAS

Meeting for a last soda and school girl chat are Toddy Dismukes and Emile Michel who leave this month for Marion and Birmingham respectively.

Toddy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Dismukes, enters Judson College with her goal a degree in Elementary Education. She is interested in studying voice and will devote some of her time to that subject. Toddy is best known by Elbians as the young lady who won the Miss Elba title and then succeeded in placing Elba in second in the Peanut Queen contest.

In high school she was a midget for the band, active in school publications, Beta Club member, officer in the Baptist Training Union and Youth Choir. She will do equally well at Judson, we know.

Emile is the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Michel. She has chosen nursing as her career and entered Nurses Training on Sept. 3, Jefferson Hillman Hospital will be home to Emile for three years until the day she is graduated as a registered nurse. Emile is a very poised young lady who gave her loyalty and talent to the high school band in which she played the saxophone, the school publications and youth organizations of her church. I believe that an old cliché is most appropriate here—"Birmingham's gain is our loss."

happy everyone seemed at the wedding. Aline Carroll was the bride and her prospective husband, Donnie, was the groom. The wedding was a quiet affair in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. O. English. The bride was lovely and her music was lovely. Dressed in billowy clouds of pink net with a pink carnation in her short, blonde hair, she was a breath-taking sight.

Could not help noticing how

SAW "MISS GLADYS" Dorsey wearing a black and white print with jet accessories; Mrs. J. O. English looked demure in her blue. Saw Henry Dorsey rise to offer his front row pew to Mary Alice Lee as she came down the aisle in a rustle of net and tulle. It is nice to know that civility still lives in some quarters. Martin Dyess was dashing in a dark blue suit while the front row held four lovely young misses pretty as a picture with their close cropped hair cuts and cocktail hats.

OLD FRIENDS
Enjoyed chatting with Mr. Bob Perry who was in his usual cheerful optimistic mood even about the farming situation. Mr. Bob's store, at the Perry Cross Roads, has added a note of local color to our history for years. Were Mark Twain living he would find great joy in the clap-board store with its wide veranda the setting for a perpetual checker game between local experts.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ben Frank Conner of Decatur, Ga. spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Miles and Mr. & Mrs. Ben Conner.

Miss Hattie Mae Bullard has returned from Panama City where she spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs. P. H. Crigger and her mother, Mrs. Sallie Wise.

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